

DRAFT GENERAL COUNCIL AGENDA

The following items will be discussed at the General Council meeting to be held from 29 November to 1 December (inclusive) at LAA House, 376 Jones Street, Ultimo, commencing at 9 a.m. The meeting has been extended to three days (if required) to allow the Corporate Plan to be discussed fully on Saturday, 30 November.

Further information on any item is available from your local Branch or General Councillor or from Head Office.

- Welcome and apologies
- Proxies and observers
- Hours of meeting
- Minutes of the meeting held on 9/10 August 1985
- Matters arising from the minutes and not elsewhere on the agenda
- Reports of the President, Executive Director and Industrial Information and Research Officer
- Report of the General Councillor-at-large
- Matters arising from the Executive Committee meeting of 28 November 1985

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Special libraries publicity task force
- Library publicity campaign
- Document delivery
- Draft code of ethics
- Library standards
- Corporate plan and review — fixed item of business, Sat. 30 November
- LAA 50th Anniversary
- Manpower study
- Certificate of service for Councillors
- Australian Information Technology Council
- International Year of Peace
- Equal employment opportunity legislation
- Commonwealth assistance for public libraries
- Freedom of information
- Libraries as earth stations

FINANCE

- Income and expenditure to 31 October 1985
- 1986 Budget
- Applications for special grants
- Coopers & Lybrand management letter

DIVISIONAL MATTERS

Reports of Branch activities

PUBLICATIONS

Report of the meeting held on 8 November 1985

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Statement on international relations
International Relations Committee
IFLA Professional Board membership

LAA COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATION ON RELATED BODIES

Committee on Professional Issues
Annual review of committees
Library Workforce Standing Committee
Nominations to LAA committees

CONFERENCES

1986 Biennial Conference, Darwin
IFLA Chicago
1988 Biennial Conference, Sydney
IFLA 1988
Proliferation of conferences
Guidelines for the organisation of biennial conferences

EDUCATION

Board of Education report
Continuing education

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Availability of membership lists
LAA computer
1986 meeting dates

A HELPING HAND FOR HISTORY

The Australian War Memorial's Council has recently approved over \$90,000 under its Research Grants Scheme for new and continuing projects on Australia's military history.

The burgeoning interest of Australians in their own history and the progressive release of classified documents have led to a dramatic increase in the number of applicants — both professional and amateur — seeking assistance under the Memorial's Research Grants Scheme. For example, in 1976 when the Scheme was introduced the Memorial funded six projects at a cost of \$10,000; since that time, the Memorial has supported a total of 138 projects at a cost of approximately \$433,000. In 1985 alone, 35 grants were awarded under the Research Grants Scheme to the value of \$95,000.

Research projects assisted under the Memorial's scheme have culminated in a variety of productions which have added much to available knowledge about Australians' experience of war and its impact on Australian society; amongst these are commercially successful titles such as *Of Love and War* by Philippa Poole (Lansdowne), *Gallipoli Correspondent* by Kevin Fewster (Allen & Unwin), *Will Dyson* — a biography by Ross McMullin (Angus & Robertson), *The War Diaries of Kenneth Slessor* by Clement Semmler (UQP), as well as David Bradbury's film 'Frontline' featuring the late Neil Davis and the radio programme 'Life Behind the Battle Lines, North Africa, 1939-45' by Martin Hadlow.

The growth of the Memorial's Research Grants Scheme together with increasing attendance at its annual History Conference and the dramatically increased usage of the Memorial's Research Centre — now regarded as holding one of Australia's richest archival collections — attests to the role the Memorial plays in an Australian community which, increasingly, has had little direct experience of war and its far-ranging effects on society. This role also fulfils, in part, the Memorial's obligation under the *Australian War Memorial Act 1980* to 'conduct, arrange for and assist in research into matters pertaining to Australian military history'.

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